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Re: Discrepancies in Deposit Account Charges

Dear Sir:

We have recently received our Monthly Statement Of Deposit Account for Deposit Account No. 20-1424, copy attached hereto, and have found several charges thereto which we believe are incorrect as follows:

1. Control No. 4, U.S. patent application No. 09/720,290: There is a \$270 charge for inclusion of a multiple dependent claim. However, as you may note in the filing documents attached hereto (Transmittal, copy of the claims, and the preliminary amendment filed therewith), the original claims 3, 5 and 7 were amended to delete the multiple dependencies. Thus, there were no multiple dependent claims filed with this case.

2. Control No. 6, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/572,380: There is an \$80 charge for an independent claim in excess of 3. However, as you can see the attached amendment filed in this case on February 8, 2001, there was only two additional independent claims added for a total of 3. Therefore, there should be no charge for additional independent claims in this case.

3. Control No. 7, U.S. patent application No. 09/147,237: There is a \$702 charge to our Deposit Account for addition of independent claims in excess of 3. However, as you can see in the amendment filed February 13, 2001 (copy attached hereto), there were only two new claims added, resulting in one additional independent claim. For this addition, the charge of \$80 was paid by check, not charged to the Deposit Account. Thus, the \$702 charge is believed to be incorrect, as no other action has been taken in this case other than the attached amendment.

Therefore, based on the above, we would kindly request that our Deposit Account be refunded/credited in the total amount of \$1052.00, and would kindly request that we be notified of this refund as soon as possible. In addition, we would appreciate receiving acknowledgement of receipt of this facsimile.

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Very truly yours,

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